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Dear Ronald:

This refers to your fax letter dated June 22, 2000.

I apologize for the delay in reporting to you.

Please be informed that new claims and completely revised case paper have been filed with the EPO so that hopefully the next communication issued by the European Patent Office will be the Communication pursuant to Rule 51(4) EPC.

Our detailed report will follow next week.

With best regards,

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